

2009-2010 AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE & FARMLAND SECURITY ZONE CALENDAR

1. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009: Agricultural Preserve/Farmland Security Zone applications, informational papers, and sample agricultural preserve contracts shall be available to the public in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
2. WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009: Original Agricultural Preserve/Farmland Security Zone Applications, accompanied by a current lot book report and the requisite fee must be received in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5:00 p.m.
3. WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009: The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall distribute copies of the applications to the members of the Review Committee. No alterations to applications will be permitted after this date, except necessary corrections.
4. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009: The Review Committee shall notify each applicant or representative in writing of all defects in the application, including whether the property proposed to be in an agricultural preserve or farmland security zone is ineligible, whether the property must be rezoned, or is otherwise not in compliance with the Williamson Act/Farmland Security Zone or these rules, of what steps are necessary, if any, to correct the defects, and which office or department to contact regarding each defect.
5. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009: Corrected agricultural preserve or farmland security zone application must be received in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5:00 p.m.
6. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009: The Board of Supervisors shall conduct a public hearing at its regular meeting to determine whether agricultural preserves or farmland security zones of less than 100 acres may be established.
7. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009: The risk, tax and interest factors prescribed by the State Board of Equalization for the following tax year shall be posted in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the office of the Assessor.
8. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009: Board of Supervisors Office to request from County Counsel to prepare two original contracts for applicant to sign.
9. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009: The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall mail to each applicant's representative two originals of the agricultural preserve or farmland security zone contract.

10. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009: If the parcel proposed to be in an agricultural preserve or farmland security zone must be rezoned, the applicant's representative must file an application for rezoning at the Planning Department no later than 5:00 p.m. If the property proposed to be in an agricultural preserve or farmland security zone must be combined, the applicant's representative shall apply for combination at the office of the Assessor.
11. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009: Agricultural preserve or farmland security zone contracts must be received in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5:00 p.m.
12. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009: The office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall notify, in writing, every applicant who has incorrectly signed the agricultural preserve or farmland security zone contract or lacks indicia of authority to execute and shall return the contract to the applicant for correction.
13. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009: The Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing at its regular or special meeting on all rezoning applications. Combinations must be completed.
14. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009: Corrected agricultural preserve or farmland security zone contracts must be received in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5:00 p.m.
15. AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO HEARING: Prepare a Notice of Hearing (format attached) for publication in the Madera Tribune. Be sure to attach the Exhibit A to the notice.
16. AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO HEARING: Prepare a Notice of Hearing on Board letterhead to LAFCO, be sure to attach the Exhibit A to the notice. Distribute the LAFCO copy to: Assessor, Ag Commissioner, County Counsel, Farm Advisor and farmland security zones.
17. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009 @ 10:00 A.M.: The Board of Supervisors shall conduct public hearings at its regular meeting on the rezoning of those properties requiring rezoning and on the establishment of agricultural preserves and farmland security zones.